

AN APPARENTLY NEW SLUG FROM THE RIVER NILE.

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The slug here described was kindly placed in my hands for determination by Professor H. M. Gwatkin, of Cambridge, England.

Veronicella nilotica, n. sp.

Length 43 mm., breadth $11\frac{1}{2}$; unusually narrow and parallel-sided; sole narrow, its width about 4 mm., with 16 transverse grooves (not counting the lesser ones between each pair of strong ones) in 5 mm. of length; female generative orifice $1\frac{1}{3}$ mm. from sole and $2\frac{4}{5}$ from lateral margin, its distance from head about $27\frac{1}{3}$ mm. Upper surface finely and densely tuberculate, some of the tubercles a little larger and more prominent than the others; hyponotum finely and more obscurely tuberculate. Color above (in alcohol) pale ochreous densely mottled with dark grey, the two colors about equal in amount; there is a faintly indicated pale dorsal band, on each side of which the dark mottling is heaviest; on each side at about 2 mm. from the margin, there is a very faint suggestion of a dusky stripe. The underside is pallid, with a dusky suffusion toward the sides of the hyponotum. Upper tentacles dark blue-grey. Stomach not covered by the liver, but rather broadly exposed; course and form of the intestine quite normal, the last loop traversing a little less than a semicircle; filiform glands extremely long (20 mm.), twisted right round the gut, the fully developed ones only five in number, but several other short ones at the base of the bundle.

The sole does not project beyond the end of the body. An apparently distinct species, best known by its narrow form and very long filiform glands. It extends the distribution of the genus about fifteen degrees north in Eastern Africa.

Collected by the Nile, above Khartoum, by Mr. Harold H. King, of the Wellcome Research Laboratories, Khartoum.

NOTES.

ERRATA.—“Land Mollusca of Aldabra,” in the October number. Line 4, “Conoro” is a typographical error for “Comoro.” Quotation marks should be placed at the beginning of the sentence of line 7, also of each succeeding paragraph and the finish of article.—MAXWELL SMITH.